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Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46

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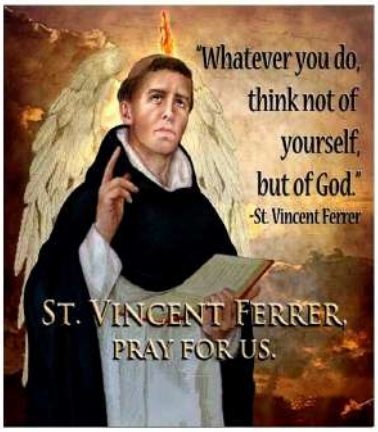

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 29TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 28th **5:00 p.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
Christmas Mass Remembrance
June-Ann Wong - In memoriam, 24th anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, December 29th **8:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Holy Family
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper
Francisco and Josefa Montalvo - In memoriam
Frank and Maria Montalvo - Blessing
Steven James - Blessing
Requested By Gloria James
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin Mc Keney
Yolande Murrell - In memoriam
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Monday, December 30th 9:00 a.m.
Sixth Day within the Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Rose Marie Elysée - Birthday blessing

Tuesday, December 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Seventh Day within the Nativity of the Lord
Memorial of Saint Sylvester I, Pope
Christmas Mass Remembrance

FamilyMass **5:00 p.m.**
Holy Hour **10:00 p.m.**
New Year's Eve Mass **11:00 p.m.**

New Year's Day,
Wednesday, January 1st **11:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Parish - Blessing
All Priests - Blessing

Thursday, January 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The people of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

First Friday, January 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

First Saturday, January 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Religious
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Pope Francis - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Brennan - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:
Bishop Emeritus - Nicholas DiMarzio

Altar Candle:
Jermaine Martin - Birthday blessing -
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Altar Candle:
Medical personnel - Blessing

Mary's Chapel Candle:
The unhoused - Blessing

St Joseph's Candle:
Rev. Fr. Antonius Gopaul - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Mass Intentions

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers. **Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date**. Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.
Please make a donation with each request.

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit www.pre-cana.org.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

Read the Gospel of the day. Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21;
Lk 2:41-52.
Family life (1, Ps) is rooted in unconditional love of God (2) as witnessed by the Holy Family (3).

Monday:
1Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40.
Faithful to God's will (1), Ana gives thanks (Ps) for the deliverance of her people (2).

Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:18-21. Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18.
Anointed by the spirit, we rejoice (Ps) in the truth (1) that the Word became flesh (2).

Wednesday:
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal4:4-7.
We seek God's blessings (1, Ps) as did Mary. Because of her Son (2), we can confidently call God, "Abba" (2)!

Thursday:
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28.
John testifies about one who is to come (2), one whose gift is nothing less than life eternal (1, Ps).

Friday:
1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd; Jn 1:29-34.
Jesus is "God's chosen one" (2). We sing joyfully (Ps): in him we become the children of God (1).

Saturday:
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42.
The Lord has come (Ps) to destroy the power of evil (1) in the person of Jesus, The Lamb of God, the Messiah (2).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

They went up according to festival custom. What faith traditions and customs are most meaningful to me? How can I live more in accord with the Church's liturgical cycle?

Sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Who are the reliable teachers with whom I can share my questions? How can I be more attentive to the voice of the Church?

Why were you looking for me? Why do I seek Jesus? What do I hope to find?

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Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church

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Grades 1-8

Registration forms 2024-2025 are available online at ***saintvincentferrer.org*** under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718-859-9009 and we will mail the form to you. The registration fee is $50.00 per family, cash or money order only.

First Communion
The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

Faith Formation
Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

Confirmation
The preparation is a 2-year program, typically in the 7th and 8th grades.
The 2 years of preparation are MANDATORY.

Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us in our celebrations.

For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Charismatic Group la Paix** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Legion of Mary** *Rectory basement* at 10:00 a.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m.
Mary's Apostolate 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	***In His Light*** **Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	***Group la Paix*** **Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	**Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Protecting the Mystery

As I write, my family is coming together to care for my youngest brother, who is dying of cancer. We have journeyed with him through treatment attempts, and now we keep vigil with him at his bedside. Vulnerability calls forth love and a desire to protect. If there were any way we could spare him this, we would. We cannot protect him from what the cancer is doing to his body, but we try to surround him with love. We try to walk with him. We try to let him know that he is not alone.

One can only imagine the terror of Mary and Joseph as they search for their lost child. Of course, they search first among their relatives and acquaintances, where he could be expected to be reasonably safe. But not finding him there, they return and search Jerusalem, looking for their boy. He has been entrusted to them, and at this moment they have not been able to protect him. Quite beyond any parent's worry at losing a child, they have the added pressure of knowing he is the Son of God.

But he is safe, astonishingly safe in God's house. The adolescent Jesus is astounding the teachers with his wisdom, already beginning to show us that more is going on than meets the eye. A day will come when neither his family nor his friends will be able to protect him from danger. In the arms of a loving God, though, all will be transformed.

Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB ©Give Us This Day

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

and Share the Message of Peace, Love, and Hope with your Loved Ones, Family and Friends.

1. Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme.
2. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it.
3. Place a battery-operated or electric candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ.
4. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth.
5. Ask stores for religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations.
6. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children.
7. Purchase a gift, wrap it, and give it to the poor - and encourage a child to do the same.
8. Research and then explain the tradition of the original Christmas tree.
9. Utilize the Mexican custom of the Posadas, a 9-day celebration, ending on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the trials that Mary and Joseph endured finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.
10. Use decorations with "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays".
11. Have a child place a straw in the creche for each good deed done, as a gift to the Baby Jesus during Advent.
12. Pray for the young, so that when they become adults, they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work.

Courtesy Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Legacy of Faith

Remember our parish in your will.
When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to

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For more information, please call
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We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

Pope Francis' Intention for December:

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Gifts for the Needy

We are in dire need of gifts for Newborn, Infants and Toddlers.

Pampers for new born
Pampers for infants
Pampers for toddlers
Onezees
Socks
Booties
Sanitary wipes
Lotion
Body wash

Please drop off your gift in the Rectory or at the back of the Church. The gifts will be delivered to the needy on Three Kings Day.

The Creche and the Cross

The Octave of Christmas concludes today, eight days after celebrating the birth of Christ. On this day we focus on Mary, Mother of God, our Blessed Mother.

From my childhood, Mary was another mother to me—I clung to her like I clung to my mother. Images of Mary, with her blue mantle, were an invitation into the folds of that beautiful cloth, a place where I would be held tenderly, loved deeply, and protected mightily. Never believing that she took the place of God, I intuited that without Mary, we would not have Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

As an adult I have come to appreciate Mary's "yes" that brought us here. What responsibility she agreed to when the angel came upon her! What a shock it must have been, but her "yes" followed anyway.

Celebrating Mary on this first day of the calendar year seems fitting. From the start, we acknowledge not only her "yes," but her commitment to her son. It reminds us that we also must say "yes" to many difficult requests, and then we must stick with them, as a mother with her child.

We are told that Mary heard many things and held them in her heart, always faithful. Christmas aside, this reminds me of the cross. Our Mother held so much in her heart, things we will never know, and said "yes" from beginning to end. The creche and the cross are never far from one another, and our Blessed Mother reminds us of this today and every day. Let us celebrate her with joy.

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JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Consecration to

Saint Joseph,

the head of the Holy Family,
the Patron of the Universal Church
Terror of Demons

on the Feast of

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2025
Preparation begins Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Preparation begins Thursday, January 9, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family

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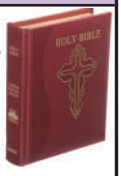

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